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Petition for Reconsideration for  
Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee  
In An Expired Patent (37 CFR 1.378(c))

In re Patent No. 6,184,786  
Issue Date: February 6, 2001  
Application No. 09/332,375  
Filed: June 14, 1999  
Attorney Docket No. TEW/204

Mr. Thurman K. Page, Petitions Examiner  
Mail Stop PETITION  
Commissioner for Patents  
Post Office Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Mr. Page:

Please accept this letter as a petition for reconsideration of my petition to accept unintentionally delayed payment of maintenance fee in an expired patent. I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$400.00 for the fee for this petition. The filing fee for the maintenance fee was already sent to you with the original petition. I have enclosed a new petition to accept unintentionally delayed payment of maintenance fee in an expired patent and a change of address form. My attorney Mr. Thomas Workman no longer does patent work so that I do not have an attorney.

In my previous petition, I thought that number 8 on the form was my statement that my maintenance fee was unintentionally delayed. But if that is not enough this is the reason my payment was late. I thought that the maintenance fees were supposed to be paid at 3 ½ years and then 7 ½ years from then. I thought that my next payment was not due until next year. As soon as I learned that my payment was late I sent it in. I am sorry that my payment was late and I will not do that again. I do not want to loose my patent because I worked very hard to get it and want to keep it.

Thank you for your help.

Wayne A. Medeiros  
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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF  
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378 (c))**

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The above – identified patent

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1. SMALL ENTITY

☒ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

NOT Small Entity			Small Entity		
Amount	Fee	(Code)	Amount	Fee	(Code)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	3 ½ yr fee	(1551)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	3 ½ yr fee	(2551)
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MAINTENANCE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 0

4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) of \$ 0 (Fee Code 1558) must be paid as a condition of accepting unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee.

*Payment Submitted Earlier*

SURCHARGE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 0

5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

6. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY

☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any maintenance fee, surcharge or petition deficiency to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. OVERPAYMENT

As to any overpayment made please

OR

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Credit to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Send refund check

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## 8. STATEMENT

The delay in payment of the maintenance fee to this patent was unintentional.

## 9. PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED

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37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

## ENCLOSURES

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Maintenance Fee Payment

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Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)

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Reconsideration, Letter

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Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).



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☒ \*Total of 1 forms are submitted.

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